

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations: WTRV, WLHT, WGRD, WFGR, WNWZ

October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

### Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **HEALTH** – We covered the health topic by discussing a plethora of topics from better testing for COVID, to obesity, childhood cancer, women’s health, the health of Medicare and Medicaid, and more.
- B. **MENTAL HEALTH** – The stress of the pandemic has affected all of us. We covered this topic by discussing loneliness due to pandemic and how to help, especially our seniors. We discussed technology’s use and also how computer games are helping everyone stay a bit more sane.
- C. **VIOLENCE & CIVIL UNREST** – This topic continues to be a hot topic among our community. Our local mayor addressed the city’s plan for peace and a better community, including a gun buy-back program. Domestic violence and sexual abuse are also topics of concern in a time when people are stuck home with their abusers.
- D. **EDUCATION** – This has taken on a new identity during the pandemic in ways we could have never imagined. Technology has taken on a leading role, both helping and sometimes hurting. We also discuss how our children can gain a better understanding of politics and this year’s election.
- E. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – The West Michigan region is growing but the pandemic has slowed development.

### Section II. Responsive Programs

“Sunday Morning Townsquare” is a locally produced **30-minute program that airs every Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.** on all five Grand Rapids stations. The program log for this show is set forth below.

Date Aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
10/4/20	<b>Domestic Violence, Covid-19, Mental Health</b> – Dr. Sandi Curtis, a licensed music therapist specializes in survivors of domestic and sexual violence. She discussed how COVID-19 has impacted and increased domestic and sexual violence against women, and how she uses music to overcome the trauma of violence.
10/11/20	<b>Civil Unrest</b> – Mayor Rosalynn Bliss in her monthly Mayor’s report discussed Grand Rapids plan to address the civil violence that exploded earlier in the year. <b>Education</b> – Google Technology Expert Molly VandenBerg discussed Google’s distance learning hub for teachers so they may teach from anywhere, and content from Learn@Home on YouTube. She also spoke about Google Classroom and it’s new and important features.

	<p><b>Environment, Public Health</b> – American Lung Association’s Ken Fletcher discussed clean air and their goal for the U.S. to transition to electric vehicles increasing the use of renewable energy.</p> <p><b>Personal Growth</b> – Real Simple magazine etiquette columnist Catherine Newman spoke about her article How to Be A Person, important skills to learn before you’re grown up. For kids 10 and up, it teaches important skills so they can gain independence.</p>
10/18/20	<p><b>Health, Covid-19</b> – Rhea Farberman, Director of Communications for Trust for America’s Health, spoke about the obesity problem in the U.S. with 36% of adults in Michigan obese. She addressed the link between obesity and COVID-19. Also, childhood obesity.</p> <p><b>Health Care</b> – Dr. David Hoyt, Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons, addressed the proposed Medicare payment cuts for surgery and how it may impact patients with a reduction to quality surgical care.</p>
10/25/20	<p><b>Health, Teen Vaping, Covid-19</b> – Pulmonologist Dr. Panagis Galiatsatos spoke about youth Vaping and addressed how young people who are Vaping are at a higher risk of more severe symptoms from COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Health</b> – Dr. Cass Ingram spoke about the coming Flu season and that there is a better way to help the immune system fight off Flu and COVID, with the use of plant extracts like oil of oregano.</p>
11/1/20	<p><b>Health</b> – Dr. Julie Gatza, a top chiropractic physician and health educator, spoke about the damage too much sugar can do to your body and how to curb sugar cravings.</p> <p><b>Education, Politics</b> – Michigan author, Ben LaCross talked about his new children’s book, Tucker for President that, in a more relatable way, teaches children lessons surrounding the election process.</p>
11/8/20	<p><b>Health, Cancer</b> – Dr. James Fahner of Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, talked about childhood cancer and how treatments have evolved over the years into personalized or precision medicine through pediatric oncology research.</p> <p><b>Healthcare Access</b> – Dr. David Langer and Dr. John Boockvar, Neurosurgeons at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, and both featured on the Netflix documentary, Lenox Hill, discussed what is happening with Medicare &amp; Medicaid services and their worry that patients won’t have access to timely surgical care.</p>
11/15/20	<p><b>Women’s Health</b> – Dr. Diane Bitner of True Women’s Health, discussed the changing focus on women’s health and how women need to work on taking better care of themselves.</p>
11/22/20	<p><b>Violence &amp; Public Safety</b> – Mayor Rosalynn Bliss discussed the Grand Rapids Gun Buyback program and how it was taking hundreds of guns off the streets. She also discussed the Shot Spotter Gun Shot Detection system proposed for Grand Rapids and how it had the ability to help save lives, deter crime and make neighborhoods safer.</p> <p><b>Child Care, Financial Stress, Covid-19, Healthcare, Mental Health</b> – Dr. Julie Morita, executive vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, discussed how the pandemic had put a severe strain on families to provide child care. Together with Harvard and NPR, her study revealed serious problems with online learning for children, family financial problems and lack of access to affordable medical care.</p>

	<b>Technology, Public Safety</b> – Google Tools expert, Justin Burr, discussed Google's new tool to help you and your family stay safe during the pandemic and holidays.
11/29/20	<b>Health, Covid-19</b> - Heather Pierce of the Association for American Medical Colleges discussed their call for a coordinated, national testing strategy to identify, track and help curtail the spread of COVID-19. <b>Mental Health</b> – Ash Tarry, author, psychotherapist and certified life coach, discussed being alone for the holidays, especially senior, and how to deal with it, along with depression and social isolation.
12/6/20	<b>Technology, Mental Health, Covid-19</b> – Brianna LaFleur of Google discussed new devices coming to stores and Google's latest tech to help people improve their entertainment during a COVID 19 quarantine. <b>Mental Health, Elder population, Covid-19, Technology</b> – Dillon Meyers, CEO of OneClick.chat discussed the innovative video chat platform made specifically for aging adults, especially those with and without mild cognitive disabilities and how their loneliness and isolation is helped by their ability to connect with others easily. <b>Children's Health</b> – Dr. Irwin Redlener, NBC public health analyst, and pediatrician, discussed American children facing insurmountable obstacles that keep them from achieving their dreams, and what needs to be done. He also spoke about COVID 19 and the potential success of the vaccine.
12/13/20	<b>Mental Health</b> – Tech expert Carley Knobloch spoke about the pandemic and how our mental health has been challenged due to the sustained COVID 19 quarantine and how computer games are proving to relieve some stress and actually pulling people together. She specifically addressed which games were the best to play.
12/20/20	<b>Public Safety, Scammers</b> – Jason Boyce, Amazon expert, discussed on-line safety, especially over Christmas with millions of people shopping online. He talked about product safety, especially for children's toys. He also spoke about how to protect your identity.
12/27/20	<b>Taxes, Financial Assistance</b> – Maribeth Groen of United Way, discussed their tax assistance program in the upcoming New Year that is designed to help low- and moderate-income citizens, at no cost. <b>Economic Development</b> – Randy Thelen, new President and CEO of The Right Place, West Michigan's economic development organization, discussed how he sees the economic success and future business development of West Michigan in 2021 and beyond.